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Command centre to be set up at Madiwala market to ensure all vendors and visitors are complying with norms pertaining to waste disposal, use of plastic

MODEL MARKETPLACE

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The Madiwala market is going to take one step ahead in becoming a model market. It will soon have a public announcement system and be monitored by marshals to make sure vendors and visitors are complying with all the rules of the market. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), market association and different voluntary groups that conduct daily awareness sessions have come together to make this set-up.

The Vedan group, an NGO working on creating awareness among people on waste management issues along with members from Koramangala resident welfare association and others gave the

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01 String along

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02 Fun times

Mitra Habba is all set to promote awareness, understanding, and acceptance of neurodiversity. The event brings together both the neurodivergent and neurotypical communities. You can also explore flea markets, participate in panel discussions, enjoy interactive music, dance, art, rhythm workshops, delicious food, and more engaging activities with your kids and family.
Where: Bangalore International Centre, Domlur When: September 9; 10 am to 6 pm

03 Artistic beauty

Artisera presents Rakhee Shenoy's first solo exhibition, Presence of Absence, featuring her latest series of mixed media artworks. Shenoy is an artist and designer based in Bengaluru and a trained textile designer. She is known to combine drawing, painting, digital art, and embroidery.
Where: Bangalore International Centre, Domlur; online on www.artisera.com; When: Today; it continues online until September 24

Age-old question

Gujarat High Court's recent ruling, which deems it unlawful to enrol kids before age of three years into preschool has ignited debate in Bengaluru

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Educationist says the broader aspects of child development in the early years must be considered

The recent ruling by the Gujarat High Court has sparked a debate regarding the admission of children under the age of three to pre-primary classes. The court declared it illegal for parents to enrol their children in pre-school before they reach the age of three, as per the law, which prohibits admission to pre-school before completing three years of age by June 2 of the academic year.

Many parents have been sending their young children to pre-nursery or play schools as a means to acclimatise them to the school environment, particularly due to the demands of working parents. Anju Kumar, a parent, explained, "Sending kids to pre-schools has become a necessity for working parents. It provides an engaging and meaningful experience for children and is preferable to staying at home, especially since many families today follow a nuclear family structure."

Educationist VP Niranjan Aradhya supported the court's observation, highlighting the broader aspects of child development in the early years.

He stated, "The care and upbringing of children from 0 to 6 years encompass far more than mere school preparation. It involves providing them with care, protection, nutrition, early stimulation, sensory development, and the cultivation of early learning processes and habits. Regrettably, in the current system, Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) often focuses solely on teaching the alphabet, numbers, and rhymes. It is essential that, until the age of 6, children remain integrated within their family and community environments, where many of these critical aspects are naturally nurtured.

We must avoid reducing this crucial phase to a mechanical and rote memorisation process." However, another educationist, D Shashi Kumar, expressed opposition to the court ruling, emphasising that it may have a negative impact on young children attending preschool. Pruthvi Banwasi, Secretary, Karnataka Council for Pre-School, added that the age criteria for young children should be 2.5 years of age at admission, 6 months of settling down, and foundation starting from 3 years to 6 years. Anything below that should be considered purely daycare and not formal or informal education.

Three-exam format

In other education-related news, the education department has announced a tentative timetable for the introduction of a three-exam format. For SSLC (10th standard), the main exams are scheduled to take place between March 30 and April 15, with results to be announced on May 8. The second exam is set for June 12–19, with results on June 29, and the third exam will be held between July 29 and August 5, with results on August 19. Similarly, for II PU (pre-university), the first exams are slated for March 1–25, with results on April 22. The second exams will be held between May 15 and June 15, with results on June 21, and the third exams are scheduled for July 12–30, with results to be declared by August 16.

On the three-exam format, Kumar said, "The Education Department's decision to introduce three exams in a year has both positive and negative implications. While it could benefit some students, by reducing pressure associated with the previous system that included a supplementary exam within a month, it may also create additional stress for high-achieving students. Those who have already scored well might face heightened expectations to perform even better, potentially forcing students with lower marks to take extra exams in an attempt to improve their performance."

He added that it's worth noting that prior consultation with relevant stakeholders, including educators and school administrators, would have given valuable insights into the consequences and challenges of this change.

> **"School provides an engaging and meaningful experience for children and is preferable to staying at home**
> – Anju Kumar, a parent

Father's name: 'Don't mandate it'

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A group of Devadasi mothers and children gathered in Bengaluru on Thursday to celebrate a few advocacy results. Their struggle with the state government and the local bodies and communities to end the exploitation in the name of the Devadasi system has been ongoing.

In the last five years, Children Getting Out of Devadasi System (C-GOOD) has advocated with the government on a few demands, particularly not to insist on `father's name' in any application (physical and online) either for education or jobs, provide reservations for the affected children in education, hostels, and housing, and apply for bank accounts for Devadasi.

A booklet was released highlighting the set of communications passed by the Secretariat of Women and Child Development in the presence of Jaishankar, Secretary of the Karnataka State Legal Services Authority; K Naganna Gowda, Chairperson, Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights; and Anjali Ramanna, Trustee, Child Rights Trust. The booklet consists of the following: education department not to ask for father's name in any application given by children of Devadasi; children of Devadasis to get reservations in getting scholarships, hostels, and education; not to make it compulsory to write father's name in online applications; banks not to ask for father or husband's name in any of their applications; and giving priority to the farmer Devadasi women at panchayat level for residential plots, job cards, and housing.

While releasing the booklet, Jaishankar emphasised that continued advocacy with the government to set right the maladies in society is very much needed. He said creating forums and stages for the affected communities to voice their grievances is a legitimate requirement, and it is the duty of the systems and government to listen to their demands and respond positively.

Anjali Ramanna said that all attempts should be made to prevent any girl from moving into the sex trade in any form. "We have to explore all kinds of opportunities for both educational and skill training for the children of Devadasi system-affected

families to break the shackles of exploitation," she said. A few children belonging to the Devadasi exploited families shared their difficulties. "I am finding it difficult to apply for admission as I have to fill in the blank—my father's name. The government must remove it from the application form as most children of Devadasi mothers do not know about their father," said Maheshwari, a PU student from Koppal.

According to T Ramanjaneya, Director of Sneha, there are more than 40,000 Devadasi women in the state.

Stop the honking: Students stand for peace

Students at RC College, located on Race Course Road, are on a distinct mission. Every day between 10:30 am and 11:30 am, a group of nearly 30 students step out of their classes holding placards and stand at Basaveshwara Circle to raise awareness about the ill effects of honking.

The one-of-a-kind campaign, organised jointly by the students of RC College and High Grounds Traffic Police, spans over a week. Since noise pollution norms are being flouted across the city regularly, the campaign spread over seven days was taken up to ensure maximum reach.

"We are participating in the campaign to spread awareness about growing vehicular noise pollution in the city. Our college is situated on Race Course Road, and often we get disturbed due to honking noise. Through this campaign, we want to tell people that unnecessary honking and thinking in silent zones is illegal and unethical," said Harshita Dhanshankar, a student from RC College.

According to the civic action group Citizen for Citizen (C4C), a continuous campaign is expected to have a bigger impact. A unique aspect of the campaign is that traffic movement at the junction has been coming to a total halt for nearly 30 seconds every day.

"The students form a big circle right in the middle of the junction in the first 15 seconds of the total traffic halt and then maintain this circle for the next 15 seconds. We thought of a continuous campaign at the same place and time for a full week to have a bigger impact. Moreover, Basaveshwara Circle is a centrally located junction with six roads converging, all with heavy traffic and high vehicular noise pollution. The idea behind picking Basaveshwara junction was also to get across to senior government functionaries who pass this junction," said Rajkumar Duagr, founder, C4C. —BMB

Put brakes on stunts and noise, please

Citizens complain about bikers over speeding and using modified silencers, contributing to noise pollution

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While walking on Church Street with his friend, Akshit heard a loud noise and a few motorcycles passing by. The bikes were using modified silencers and overspeeding on the road. The source claims that what's surprising is that this all happened right in front of the police, and they didn't take any action.

"The incident took place on September 3. It was a busy Sunday when the motorcycle crossed the street, leaving everyone a little surprised because of the loud noise and the speed. But the fact that there were two policemen standing there near their patrolling vehicles, leave alone stopping the people, the policemen didn't even bother to look in that direction and register their number plate," said Akshit.

The same bikers were spotted by the source again in Koramangala on the same night, and they were still overspeeding.

"But this isn't something new because I keep spotting cars and bikes that have defective silencers and are mostly driven by youngsters. They tend to overspeed, and they like to believe that Bengaluru roads are F1 tracks. Recently, I saw a person with a modified silencer in his car, and he was about to hit another vehicle," said another source.

Citizens have also been taking to social media to complain about traffic violations

However, despite many complaints from the people, the city traffic police have only registered 167 cases for defective silencers as of August 2023 this year.

The citizens have also been approaching the traffic police on social media to complain. A user on X said, "Every night on ITPL Road Brookefield, we have motorbikers overspeeding nonstop with their silencers removed from 12 am onwards."

While another netizen said, "We citizens of Bengaluru are seeing an increase in the number of vehicles using stock silencers, making too much noise, using high beams in city limits, and modified vehicles. I request departments to take action very soon."

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Truckload of trouble

Sewage truck owner pays hefty penalty again for illegal waste dumping

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The BBMP Marshals and a team of volunteers apprehended a sewage suction truck driver once again for illegally discharging waste into the stormwater drain (K-100 project) near Ejipura on Wednesday. "Our marshals have been keeping a vigil at this spot for the last few days. Finally, they caught the truck driver releasing waste into the stormwater drain," said BBMP Marshals South Zone Superintendent Somasekhar Patil.

Subsequently, the sewage suction truck was taken to the BBMP Head Office, and the truck owner was fined Rs 30,000. Surprisingly, it was revealed that the same individual had paid a penalty of Rs 30,000 in September of the previous year for a similar offence of waste discharge into the stormwater drain. "The owner has claimed that a new person joined as a driver and he does not know about the norms. We have also collected Rs 5,000 penalty from a software company for burning waste in the stormwater drain," said Patil.

Appreciating the BBMP Marshals for catching the sewage suction truck driver for releasing waste into the stormwater drain, Koramangala Fourth Block Residents Welfare Association general secretary Raghu R has said the BBMP has to increase vigil on those releasing or dumping waste into the stormwater drains in the city.

"I came to know that these sewage suction trucks have no permission from the BBMP or Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) to operate in the city. I want the authorities concerned to act tough against these truck owners operating illegally," said Raghu.

> **"We neither gave permission to the sewage suction truck owners nor allocated a designated location to dump such waste**
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> – Gangadhar BC, BWSSB Chief Engineer (Sewage Treatment Plants)

Meanwhile, BWSSB Chief Engineer (Sewage Treatment Plants) Gangadhar BC has said the BWSSB did not permit anyone to collect sewage and dump it into storm water drains. "We neither gave permission to the sewage suction truck owners nor allocated a designated location to dump such waste," said Gangadhar.

Recently, Bangalore Mirror published a story narrating how BBMP Marshals have caught a sewage suction truck driver for releasing waste into the stormwater drain (K-100 project) near Shantinagar. BM has also published a story narrating how roadside drains on Bannerghatta Road are being clogged due to the release of excavated material.

Volunteer efforts vain as YMC Lake suffers

Lake has transformed into dumping ground, collecting excessive debris, garbage

Despite persistent appeals of the residents to officials, no effective measures have been taken to curb this environmental degradation

In a fervent plea to restore the deteriorating Yela Mallappa Chetty (YMC) Lake in KR Puram, a water body sprawling over 200 acres, concerned residents have turned to their elected representatives for immediate intervention. The issue is not new; residents previously raised concerns with the former BJP-led government about the sorry state of the YMC Lake. Aravind Limbavali, the former MLA of Mahadevpura, had proposed a comprehensive development plan, including a "blue map" for the lake. However, years have passed since that promise, and no concrete action has been taken.

Frustrated by the lack of progress, residents have once again approached Aravind Limbavali for assistance in revitalizing their beloved lake. The current MLA of the constituency is Manjula Aravind Limbavali, and residents hope she will prioritise the restoration of this vital water body.

One compelling reason for immediate action is the lake's role as a training ground for aspiring athletes excelling in disciplines such as canoeing and kayaking. Over the years, numerous athletes have honed their skills on the YMC Lake and even clinched medals in prestigious championships. However, if the lake's condition continues to deteriorate, it poses a significant threat to their training regimens.

Balaji Raghotham, a resident of KR Puram, voiced his concerns, stating, "The Lake has sadly transformed into a dumping ground, accumulating excessive debris and garbage. Despite our persistent appeals to officials, no effective measures have been taken to curb this environmental degradation."

Raghotham mentioned that residents have actively volunteered to rescue the lake by introducing greenery and planting saplings, demonstrating their commitment to its restoration. Unfortunately, their dedicated efforts have gone in vain due to the lack of action from responsible authorities.

Adding to the lake's woes, residents have recently observed the alarming inflow of sewage water from nearby residential areas into the lake.

Despite promptly notifying the minor irrigation department about this dire issue, there has been no tangible response or action taken to address this hazardous contamination. Another resident expressed, "The YMC Lake used to be a place of natural beauty and a source of pride for our community. It's disheartening to see it in such a state of neglect, with no effective measures taken to curb this environmental degradation."

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Commute concerns

Halasuru

The neglected condition of footpaths near Halasuru Metro Station may deter commuters from choosing public transport.

Single-use-plastic: But who's complaining?

446 complaints in 7 months on app to register complaints means awareness on existence of such facility is low, say experts

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Bengaluru has fallen short in registering complaints against banned single-use plastic (SUP) items, with only 446 complaints recorded between September 2022 and March 2023 on the Central Pollution Control Board's (CPCB) mobile app. An implementation status report by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) reveals that Bengaluru secured the second spot in the nation for the highest number of complaints against these prohibited products, trailing behind Delhi.

Solid waste management volunteers in the city, however, assert that the mere 446 complaints reflect a lack of awareness among citizens about the application's existence.

"Just 446 complaints over seven months is a low number. Though this is a national portal and many may not be aware of it, only a minority of citizens reach out to BBMP's Sahaaya app to get redressal for civic or other issues. Such apps in general could be a powerful medium to close issues that plague our cities if the resolution is timely," said Odette Katrak, co-founder of Beautiful Bharat, a volunteer group pushing for a plastic-free and clean city.

CPCB came up with a digital intervention in the form of this application to increase the efficacy of the SUP ban by creating a monitoring mechanism and encouraging citizen participation. The pollution watchdog launched the SUP public grievance redressal mobile application in April 2022, before implementing the ban on July 1 of that year. The application was designed to allow reporting of the manufacture, production, stocking, sale, or usage of banned SUP items. The app also has geotagging features that can be used by reporters to lodge and track complaints if they come across banned SUP items in their locality.

The app was supposed to create a SUP monitoring mechanism

The report also highlights that while uptake of the application was low all across the country, there was a big gap between the number of complaints received and the number of complaints that were redressed. While citizens reported 446 complaints against banned SUP, only 242 complaints were attended to. The report was prepared to understand citizen involvement and ground-level implementation of the ban.

> **"Though this is a national portal and many may not be aware of it, only a minority of citizens use even BBMP's Sahaaya app to get redressal for issues**
>
> –Odette Katrak, Beautiful Bharat

The Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change (MOEFCC) enforced the ban on a total of 19 SUP items, subjecting individuals caught using, selling, manufacturing, distributing, importing, or stocking these products to penalties. Following the ban, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) intensified its vigilance efforts. Between July 1, 2022, and June 21, 2023, the BBMP reported collecting over Rs 13 crore in fines and confiscating 60,000 kg of banned plastic items.

However, despite these measures, banned items continue to be used widely across the city. Solid waste management experts argue that while apps can contribute to effective rule enforcement, the ultimate solution lies in the immediate closure of manufacturers and penalties for wholesalers to prevent banned items from entering the market.

Woman stabs live-in partner

A woman who allegedly stabbed her live-in partner to death in the city has been arrested, police said. According to the police, Renuka alias Sheela (34) from Belagavi killed her live-in partner, Javed (24), from Kerala.

The incident took place Akshay Nagar service apartment that falls under the Hulimavu police station limits on September 2. Javed used to work at a mobile service centre, and the two had known each other for the last three years and were in a live-in relationship in the serviced apartment, police said.

According to initial police investigations, on Tuesday there was an altercation between the two and Renuka allegedly stabbed the man in the chest with a knife.

Cry for help on X

Police have begun the probe into a case of sexual exploitation reported on social media by a woman, officials said on Thursday. The post was made from the account of 'Gupta Bharat@ artiniart1' on X (formerly Twitter). "Sir, I am victim of love jihad, rape, unnatural sex and forceful religious conversion. Kindly provide me police help in Bengaluru immediately as my life is in danger," the post read. The post was tagged to Bengaluru Police, Karnataka DGP and the Prime Minister's Office. Responding to the post, Bengaluru Police had asked the victim to share the address details to forward her petition to police officers concerned for necessary action.

One dog per home rule on BBMP's mind

As part of the few draft revisions by BBMP, the Animal Husbandry Department is mulling over a one-dog-per-home rule. Activists are split over this plan. As the BBMP's aim is to limit home breeding of pets, some activists are welcoming it, but others worry it will prevent animal lovers from keeping pets.

"The bye-laws for animal breeding were set two years back and it was not focused on dogs. Now, we are planning new rules and regulations and presenting them to the new government. The approval is expected within this month. We are also in discussion about one animal per house," said a senior BBMP official from the animal husbandry department.

SPCA member of Bengaluru district Arun Prasad said they have already asked the BBMP to withdraw this plan from the draft copy. "There are many anti-animal clauses in the draft copy. There can't be a ceiling on the number of pets in homes. Provisions should come from Animal Welfare Board rules. If someone has more than one pet, how can the municipality ask them to give up our pets? As per the gazette notification, a home should have a caging size of 3X4 feet. They have sent for approval without any consultation," he said. However, Priya Chetty Rajagopal of CG Memorial Trust hailed the move. "It's very important for dog breeding and marketing rules in spirit and letter. The pet licensing from BBMP is the most welfare-oriented pet licensing rule in the country. We had worked with BBMP to raise an objection to the initial by-law and it was withdrawn," she added.

BBMP is also in the process of conducting a city-wide stray animal survey after four years. The final tally of strays is expected within a few days.

-Melvin Mathew

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Bengaluru east reports highest dengue cases

BBMP ties up with IISc using AI to predict dengue outbreaks four weeks in advance

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has been confronted with a surge in Dengue cases, particularly in specific zones. Notably, the east zone has reported the highest number of cases, reaching 1,200, followed closely by the South zone with 1,000 cases, and Mahadevapura registering 875 cases. Dinesh Gundu Rao, the Minister for Health and Family Welfare, speculated on the potential causes, suggesting that the rise could be attributed to increased construction activities, an influx of migrant populations, and inadequate housing facilities in these areas. The situation has become increasingly concerning with seven suspected dengue-related deaths in Bengaluru, of which three have been confirmed as dengue cases, while others remain under investigation.

In response to the escalating dengue cases, Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao conducted a high-level meeting to assess and address the city's preparedness. Notably, this meeting signifies a significant shift, as such meetings were commonplaces during the COVID-19 pandemic. Following the meeting, Rao said, "Dengue cases have witnessed a surge in the past two months. We convened a high-level meeting with officials from BBMP and the health department to address this issue. While there was a slight increase in Dengue cases in June, the numbers have risen significantly in July (1,649) and August (1,589). As of September 7th, the city has reported 416 dengue cases. This increase is specific to Bengaluru, as the rest of the state has the situation under control."

Rao said, "The primary factors contributing to the spike in dengue cases are attributed to heavy rainfall leading to the stagnation of rainwater, creating ideal breeding grounds for mosquitoes. As a proactive measure, the BBMP has intensified its fumigation efforts and has been instructed to escalate these operations. Minister Rao stressed the need for comprehensive measures to effectively control dengue. There is a significant push to enhance testing capabilities. Currently, six high-tech labs are operational within BBMP limits. The plan is to expand testing by including samples collected from Namma clinics and primary health centres. The goal is to gather more accurate and comprehensive data for better decision-making. Financial support for testing and report preparation will be provided." Addressing the shortage of 179 Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANMs) and 108 male health workers within the BBMP, Minister Rao announced plans to increase their salaries from the current Rs 12,000 to Rs 18,000. Additional personnel will be hired to address the staff shortage effectively.

Dengue cases have witnessed a surge in the past two months

> **"There is no need to panic, we are well-equipped to manage this situation effectively. In recent years, the BBMP has successfully navigated dengue challenges**
>
> –Dinesh Gundu Rao

BBMP health unit

In a major development, the government is considering the establishment of a dedicated health unit specifically for BBMP limits. Currently, there are separate entities for Bengaluru Urban and BBMP. "The intention is to focus more on BBMP as a separate unit, not limited to dengue but encompassing all health-related issues. Discussions involving the health department, BBMP and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar are underway to advance this initiative", he said.

Dengue accountability App

To enhance accountability among BBMP personnel responsible for dengue prevention, a dengue monitoring app is in development. This app will track survey completion and fumigation activities, ensuring transparency in the process through collaboration between the health department and BBMP.

Predictive analysis

Additionally, the BBMP has collaborated with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) to develop a predictive analysis using Artificial Intelligence (AI). This analysis can forecast dengue outbreaks up to four weeks in advance, focusing on sensitive areas. With plans to extend its use to predict other communicable disease outbreaks. The launch of this system by IISc is scheduled for Friday.

Rao said that there was nothing to worry according to the yearly pattern of dengue cases,"There is no need to panic, we are well-equipped to manage this situation effectively. In recent years, the BBMP has successfully navigated dengue challenges, and the administration remains committed to controlling and mitigating the impact of dengue in the region. Cases in Bengaluru have seen fluctuations over the years."

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Dengue on the radar

City sees 226.35 per cent increase in dengue cases; experts say it is BBMP's responsibility to track areas where dengue patients are reported

BM story on Sept 6 about 226.35% rise in dengue cases in the city

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At your command

idea to the BBMP to set up a command centre that can help in strong vigilance and also make the process smooth.

According to Suhasini Hathwar of Vedan, the command centre could be a game-changer. "Marshals that are appointed at the market and are working in three shifts can also be involved in sitting at the command centre and get a full view of the market. Those not complying with rules of waste management, like dumping vegetables in and around and not disposing of it in the right way, can be made aware of what they are doing wrong. The marshal can make an announcement looking at it from the command centre, through the cameras installed in the market. If the vendors or public do not follow rules, then action can be taken against them."

This apart, the volunteers also pointed to the need of having e-carts at the market. "In the present system of waste collection at the market, the pourakarmikas go from shop to shop and collect waste from the vendors directly. The carts they have now need to be pushed and with a lot of material, it gets difficult for the pourakarmikas. An electric cart would help them as it is not manual. Currently, there are eight trolleys assigned to the sweepers and collectors. But if we get two electric carts, it would help cover all the four blocks of the market easily," said Hathwar.

Padmashree Balaram, president of Koramangala RWA, has donated one electric cart to the pourakarmikas at the market. The feedback to this pilot has been positive.

BBMP South Zonal Commissioner, Jayaram Raipura, told BM that they have identified a place next to the market where the command centre can be set up and work would start shortly on it.

Awareness sessions

The voluntary groups have been conducting awareness sessions since 2017 on waste and use of plastic, but issues still persist. Volunteers have gone to each vendor to ask them to strictly shun plastic. There are around 440 vendors at the Madiwala market and the type of vegetables, fruits and flowers are sold at the shops.

Balaram said, "We have asked all the fruit and flower traders to do business in their given area. They cannot come on the footpath and trade on the road. This apart, the vegetables traders on the road cannot sell after 6 am. They are either asked to go inside the market or leave the area as it would create traffic problems and leave no space for pedestrians. We also noticed some traders used to come out of the shops to get visibility, so now they have been allowed to keep crates only 2 feet in front of their shops after 8 am. No plastic is allowed in the market. And if the rules are violated, the marshal is allowed to impose a fine."

The dry waste produced per day in the market is around 100-250 kg while wet waste is between 8,000-10,000 kg per day. Wet waste is collected at two waste aggregation centres. The waste that can be used goes to the NGO and other places from where it goes to piggeries and goshalas. The rest that can't be used is sent for composting to Chikkanagamangala processing plant.

BBMP is also planning to set up a dry waste collection centre at the Madiwala market.

Farmers demand Bandipur ESZ rights

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Nearly 200 farmers and wildlife activists gathered in front of Gundulpet Tourist Temple near Bandipur Tiger Reserve on Thursday to stage a protest against illegal construction activities inside the eco-sensitive area of the reserve. Members of the Karnataka Farmers' Association along with 14 other organisations were present during the protest to highlight biases in the implementation of the Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) rule.

"Bandipur Tiger Reserve is a sensitive area and thousands of farmers have their land in the ESZ area of the reserve. While the Forest Department denies the farmers to build a small shed for installing solar panels to protect our farmlands, many permanent commercial structures and new permanent structures in that area are allowed. The most recent being Kannada actor Ganesh's farmhouse. We have gathered to protest against this bias," said Dr Guruprasad, secretary of Karnataka Farmers' Association.

Farmers staging the protest say in the absence of a concrete structure to put the solar panels atop, the panels are frequently damaged every time elephant herds enter the area. While economically sound farmers re-establish the system, many end up without solar power fencing for crop protection.

"The Forest Department, after multiple protests and petitions, has now permitted us to create a temporary structure to install the panels. Currently, we are using 20 feet 20-foot-high wooden structure to install panels for solar fencing. We have been requesting the department to allow a small concrete structure for the panels, to safeguard them from elephants, but we have been refused. Many farmers in the area have their farms unguarded," said Honnur Prakash, a farmer in the area and member of the Karnataka Farmers' Association.

The Supreme Court recently modified the earlier rule on eco-sensitive zones and said that ESZ cannot be uniform across the country and has to be protected area-specific. However, wildlife conservationists say the order is being misused.

As of the June 2022 report, each protected forest, national park or wildlife sanctuary must have an ESZ of a minimum of one kilometre measured from the demarcated boundary of such protected forest in which the activities proscribed and prescribed in the ESZ guidelines of 2011 shall be strictly adhered to. The guidelines list various activities categorised as prohibited, regulated, and permitted.

Hustling in the rain

Busy traffic and pedestrians on a rainy Thursday in Bengaluru

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BBMP pulled up for not issuing death certificate

Compensation given to wife of excavator operator, who was washed away in 2017 downpour

The High Court of Karnataka has pulled up the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) for not issuing the death certificate of an excavator operator who was washed away during heavy rains in 2017, and ordered the municipal corporation to hand over the document within 30 days to the kin of the victim.

The victim's body was never found, and though the BBMP paid compensation to his wife, it refused to issue a death certificate, stating that the procedure did not permit it without a doctor certifying the cause of death.

Calling the BBMP's act of sticking to procedure illogical, the HC said when the body is not available, the question of the respondent insisting on a certificate in terms of Form 4A would be completely illogical, and the same can never be satisfied. Insistence on the certificate knowing fully well that it can never be satisfied has caused grave injustice to the petitioner, the court said.

The bench of Justice Suraj Govindaraj was hearing a petition filed by Saraswathi S P, whose husband Shanthakumar S was 27 when he was washed away in the heavy rain while working in a storm water drain on May 20, 2017.

For deaths outside hospitals, a doctor has to certify the cause of death and other reasons under Form 4A. BBMP contended that since the body has not been found, if the husband were to return alive, the death certificate would be false. Since no such certificate has been produced by the petitioner, the respondent was unable to issue a certificate.

IN HIGH COURT

The HC in its recent judgement said that this was "a baseless contention which is required to be rejected. It only appears that the corporation is clutching at straws to try and justify its inaction. If at all the husband of the petitioner were to return alive, the respondent can always cancel the death certificate. Merely because there is such an apprehension, a living person cannot be deprived of the benefit of a death certificate of a person who is dead."

The HC also blamed the BBMP for the delay in issuing the certificate. "The husband of the petitioner having expired in 2017, the petitioner is deprived of a death certificate for the last 6 years. The issuance of both birth and death certificates has civil consequences. Without such a death certificate, the petitioner cannot take up activities which require the production of a certificate," the HC said.

The HC said the BBMP itself could have found a way instead of insisting on procedure. "It could always have been available for the authorities to consider the death report and issue the death certificate taking into account the peculiar circumstances where the body has been washed away in the storm water drain. The authorities cannot act in a pedantic manner giving high preference to procedure when substantial injustice could be caused by doing so," the HC said. The BBMP was ordered to issue the death certificate to the petitioner within 30 days.

Pollution Board chief stays

The High Court has granted an interim stay on the August 31 corrigendum order of the State government ending the tenure of Shanth A Thimmaiah as the Chairperson of the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB).

The stay will remain in force till the next date of hearing of a petition filed by Thimmaiah challenging the Government order. – PTI

Hope kindles for Mysuru Paper Mill

Karnataka Large and Medium Industries Minister MB Patil on Thursday said that there is a possibility of restarting the operations of the Mysuru Paper Mill in Bhadravati. Karnataka Minister Patil chaired a high-level meeting regarding this on Thursday with Bhadravati MLA BK Sangamesh and concerned officials.

During the meeting, Minister MB Patil instructed Chief Secretary Vandita Sharma to call a meeting to look at the issues of total outstanding by the factory, and pending electricity and power bills and further decide on the future steps to be taken.

He also suggested that Finance Department ACS LK Atheeq and Industries Department Principal Secretary S.Selvakumar should be part of the meeting.

"MPM which was the dream project of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar and Sir M Vishwesharaya now stands at a loss of Rs. 1,482 crores. Besides, it has a pending electricity bill to the tune of Rs 229 crores. The state government has provided Rs 850 crores to MPM as financial aid in the form of loan since 2010," the Minister said.

Patil emphasised that the cooperation of the finance department was necessary to deal with the present burden. He added that the matter regarding the privatisation of the unit will be considered after conducting a meeting with officials. "There exists a total of 23,000 hectares of forest and non-forest land under MPM's jurisdiction where currently acacia, eucalyptus, and bamboo are being grown," he said. – ANI

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IN SYNC

New synchronisation research shows nature's perfect timing is all about connections

Getting in sync can be exhilarating when you're dancing in rhythm with other people or clapping along in an audience. Fireflies too know the joy of synchronisation, timing their flashes together to create a larger display to attract mates.

Synchronisation is important at a more basic level in our bodies, too. Our heart cells all beat together (at least when things are going well), and synchronised electrical waves can help coordinate brain regions – but too much synchronisation of brain cells is what happens in an epileptic seizure.

Sync most often emerges spontaneously rather than through following the lead of some central timekeeper. How does this happen? What is it about a system that determines whether sync will emerge, and how strong it will be?

In new research published in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, we show how the strength of synchronisation in a network depends on the structure of the connections between its members – whether they be brain cells, fireflies, or groups of dancers.

The science of sync

Scientists originally became interested in sync to understand the inner workings of natural systems. We have also become interested in designing sync as a desired behaviour in human-made systems such as power grids (to keep them in phase).

Mathematicians can analyse sync by treating the individuals in the system as "coupled oscillators". An oscillator is something that periodically repeats the same pattern of activity, like the sequence of steps in a repetitive dance, and coupled oscillators are ones that can influence each other's behaviour.

It can be useful to measure whether a system of oscillators can synchronise their actions, and how strong that synchronisation would be. Strength of synchronisation means how well the sync can recover from disturbances.

Take a group dance, for example. A disturbance might be one person starting to get some steps wrong. The person might quickly recover by watching their friends, they might throw their friends off for a few steps before everyone recovers, or in the worst case it might just cause chaos.

Synced systems are strong but hard to unravel

Two factors make it difficult to determine how strong the synchronisation in a set of coupled oscillators could be.

First, it's rare for a single oscillator to be in charge and telling everyone else what to do. In our dance example, that means there's neither music nor lead dancers to set the tempo.

And second, usually each oscillator is only connected to a few others in the system. So each dancer can only see and react to a few others, and everyone is taking their cues from a completely different set of dancers.

This is the case in the brain, for example, where there is a complex network structure of connections between different regions.

Real complex systems like this, where there is no central guiding signal and oscillators are connected in a complex network, are very robust to damage and adaptable to change, and can more easily scale to different sizes.

Stronger sync comes from more wandering walks

One drawback of such complicated systems is for scientists, as they are mathematically difficult to come to grips with. However, our new research has made a significant advance on this front.

We have shown how the network structure connecting a set of oscillators controls how well they can synchronise. The quality of sync depends on "walks" on a network, which are sequences of hops between connected oscillators or nodes.

Our maths examines what are called "paired walks". If you start at one node and take two walks with randomly chosen next hops for a specific number of hops, the two walks might end up at the same node (these are convergent walks) or at different nodes (divergent walks).

We found that the more often paired walks on a network were convergent rather than divergent, the worse the synchronisation on the network would be.

When more paired walks are convergent, disturbances tend to be reinforced.

In our dancing example, one person making the wrong steps might lead some neighbours astray, who may then lead some of their neighbours astray and so on.

These chains of potential disturbances are like walks on the network. When those disturbances propagate through multiple neighbours and then converge on one person, that person is going to be much more likely to copy the out-of-sync moves than if only one of their neighbours was offbeat.

Social networks, power grids and beyond

So networks with many convergent walks are prone to poorer synchronisation. This is good news for the brain avoiding epilepsy, as its highly modular structure brings a high proportion of convergent walks.

We can see this reflected in the echo chamber phenomenon in social media. Tightly coupled subgroups reinforcing their own messages can synchronise themselves well, but may fall far out of step with the wider population.

Our results bring a new understanding to how synchronisation functions in different natural network structures. It opens new opportunities in terms of designing network structures or interventions on networks, either to aid synchronisation (in power grids, say) or to avoid synchronisation (say in the brain).

More widely, it represents a major step forward in our understanding of how the structure of complex networks affects their behaviour and capabilities.

By Joseph Lizier, University of Sydney, The Conversation)

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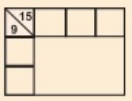
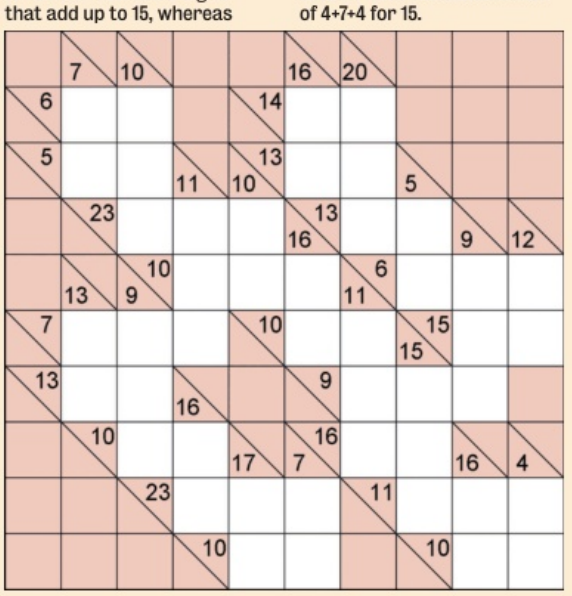
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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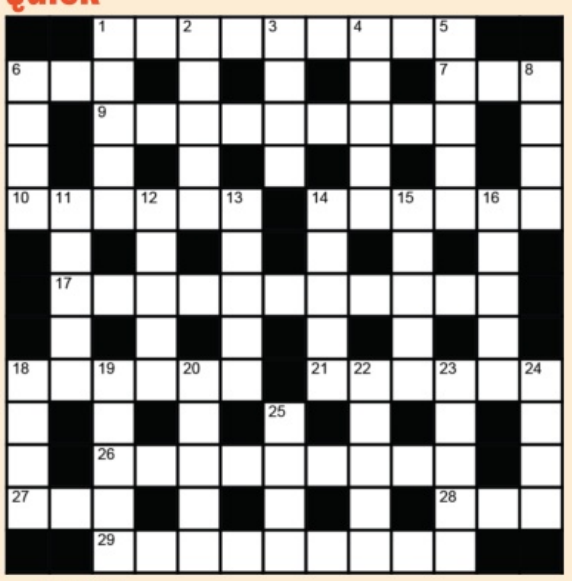


ACROSS

1 Pronounced innocent (9)
6 Gratuity (3)
7 Outer edge (3)
9 Tiny trace (9)
10 Lucky charm (6)
14 Divine beverage (6)
17 Went with (11)
18 High-pitched (6)
21 Tramples heavily on (6)
26 Festival celebrated in January (9)
27 Cooking vessel (3)
28 Extinct flightless bird (3)
29 Encompasses or encloses (9)

DOWN

1 Church sections (5)
2 Ecuador's capital (5)
3 Greek vowel (4)
4 Fine net silk fabric (5)
5 A rough copy (5)
6 Be abundant (4)
8 Heath (4)
11 Embarrass (5)
12 Prickly plants (5)
13 Of or pertaining to a South India state? (5)
14 Approaches or comes closer (5)
15 Capital of Egypt (5)
16 Make sense (3,2)
18 Seagoing vessel (4)
19 Corrodes or oxidises? (5)
20 Steamship (5)
22 Part of a timber joint (5)
23 Cripples or mutilates or disables (5)
24 Upholstered couch (4)
25 Jason's craft (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: G EQUALS O

ERZK HGG FTUHET RPT KTEMGS GLTITM; HGG KTQTPT, KTEMGS TOTAVHTM.

Linemaro

I like the way you move

Mindchow

I value the friend who for me finds time on his calendar, but I cherish the friend who for me does not consult his calendar

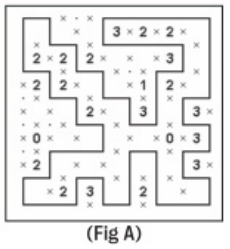
Joke of the day

How do you know when your too drunk to drive? When you swerve to miss a tree then realise it was your air freshener

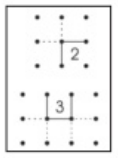
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

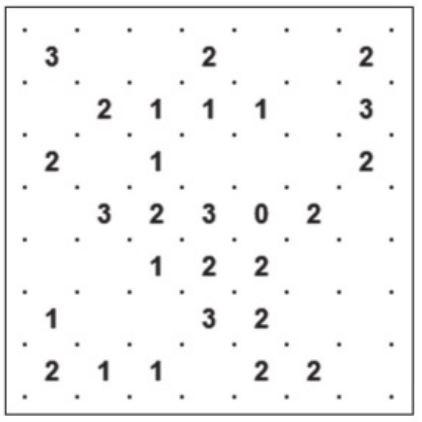


(Fig B) Not Allowed

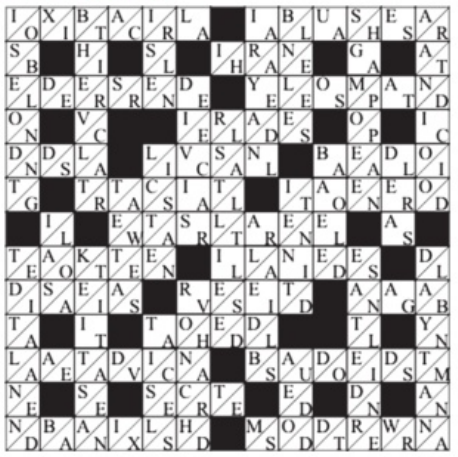
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1 K	2	3	4	5
6				
7				
8				
9				

ACROSS

1 Hakas; 6 As Aug; 7 Bohr's; 8 Are to; 9 Blade

DOWN

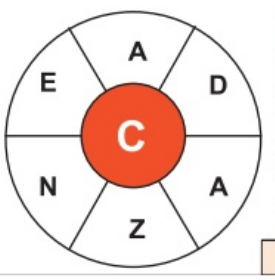
1 OK Bab; 2 A Argo; 3 A slur; 4 As the; 5 Shade

Mensapuzzle

What three numbers are missing?

15, 5, 8, 24, 21, 7, 10, 30, ?, ?, ?, 36, 33

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

03 Average; 04 Good; 05 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	8							4
		5	2		4	1		
			9	1		6		
5	7	3		2	8			6
2			1	7		4	5	3
		1		4	9			
		9	8		2	3		
6							2	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

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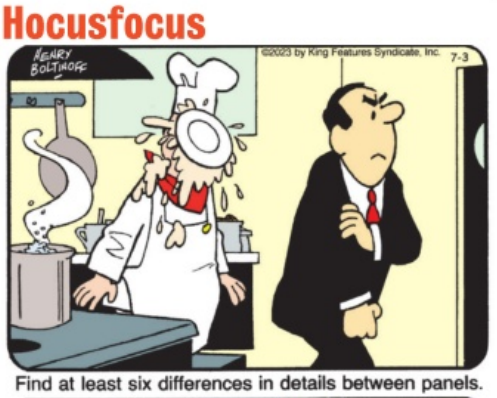
2 3 5 9

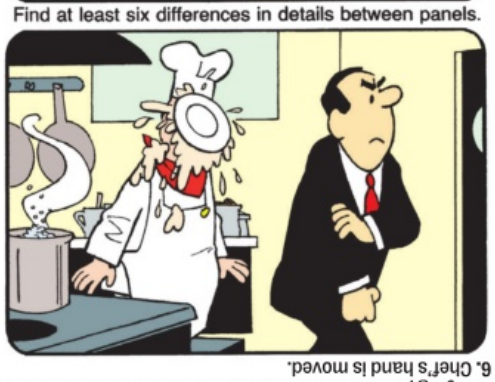
Medium = 32
2 2 4 8

Hard = 23
2 7 7 2

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



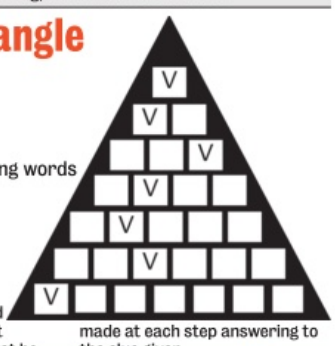
Differences: 1. Arm is lower. 2. Cook top burner is larger. 3. Frying pan is added. 4. Window is wider. 5. Hat is reversed. 6. Chef's hand is moved.

Riddler

Even amateur billiards players gather to play a billiards tournament. The players were divided into two sections: Section A has 4 players; and Section B has 3 players. Each player played against every other player in his/her Section. With the information below, can you determine each person's section, and to whom they won and lost. Players: Betty, Chris, Greg, Jill, John, Mary, and Tina. 1. Every player from Section B has the same win-loss record. 2. John lost all of his games. 3. Mary, who defeated Jill, won more games than exactly 5 of the players. 4. Jill lost to Greg, and Tina defeated Chris.

Alpha triangle

1 Volt
2 Voice over, abbr.
3 Calendar abbr.
4 Bakery fixture
5 Sheeplike
6 Author's concluding words
7 Variant



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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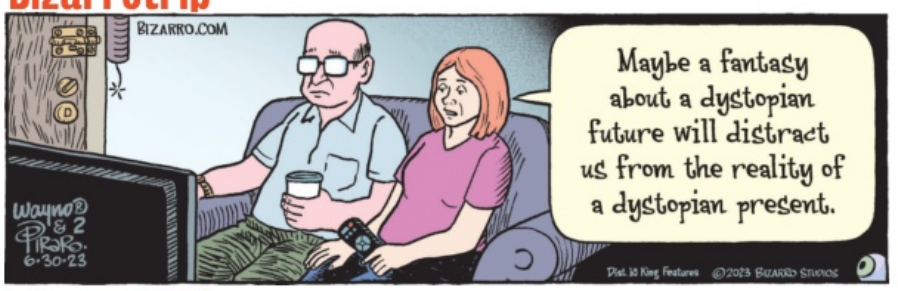
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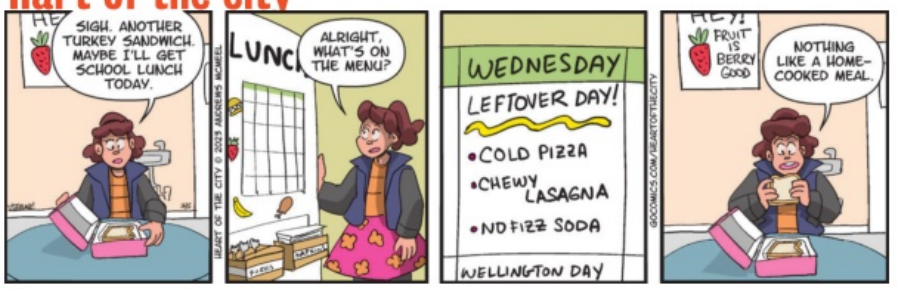
Diamond Lil

Hart of the city



Crankshaft

AS FAR AS I KNOW... THE VALENTINE IS ONE OF THE LAST SINGLE-SCREEN THEATERS IN THE AREA...
VALENTINE
GRAND REOPE
LISA'S STORY
MAKING IT THE CLOSEST THING TO A TIME MACHINE THAT WE'LL EVER HAVE!
6-27
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may feel nervous and have a lack of patience. In your search for peace, you may be attracted to the occult. It is advised to follow your intuition before proceeding. You may also gain in-depth knowledge on a subject or develop a strong focus on your research.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, your moon is in a favourable position, and you can expect positive momentum in your professional and domestic life. There are likely to be gains in your investments. You may receive reciprocation of help from your friends and relatives. Your hard work may lead to success.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may perform better, and your children's health is improving. Consider making investments for your children's future. You are likely to be more loyal to your job. Job seekers may find a good job with the help of references. You may identify hidden enemies and counter them with blessings.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may receive good news regarding your job. Job seekers may be focused on cracking entrance exams through hard work. Singles may become engaged to their soul mates. You may also hear good news related to childbirth.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may plan for a change of location, but it is advised to postpone migration decisions. Avoid investing in business at this time. By late evening, the situation may come under control. With advice from elders, you can manage any messy situation.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you can expect a short business trip and rewards for your success in your field. Your respect among peers may increase, and you may hear good news from your siblings. Job seekers aiming for management roles may find success, and singles are likely to get engaged.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you are blessed by your elders, and new sources of income may open up, boosting your bank balance. Consider renovating your house. You may receive a significant order that could multiply your family business. Exercise patience when signing contracts, and delayed projects may resume.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today is a good day for you with high vitality and good health. You may enjoy your work today and your challenge is to avoid being straight. But be mindful to avoid arguments on trivial matters to prevent family disputes. Controlling your speech may lead to healthy business partnerships and family harmony. Job seekers may find suitable jobs, and lovebirds should avoid discussing insignificant topics.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, your vitality may decrease, and old health issues may resurface, causing frustration. Avoid adventure tours and reckless driving. Stay away from legal issues; consider settling them out of court. You may also plan an overseas tour.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may see profits from past investments, turning losses into gains. Implementing new ideas can lead to progress in your business, and success may come easily. You may meet influential people who can guide you toward success. Lovebirds may make marriage decisions, and couples could receive good news about children. Job seekers will find suitable employment.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, your family and spouse will support you, increasing domestic harmony. Despite work overload, try to make time for family gatherings. Expect a strong position in your professional life, and government-related projects are likely to begin.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, your spiritual power will bring you joy, and your mindset may become more positive. You may be inclined towards spiritualism and plan to visit religious places. You may also take an interest in occult science. You may notice flawlessness in your nature. It is advised to keep your views to yourself and discuss them only with those who understand your frequency.

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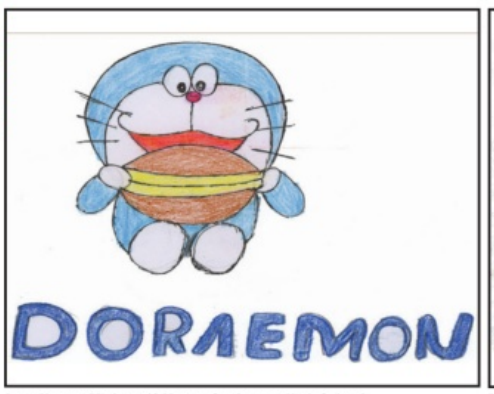

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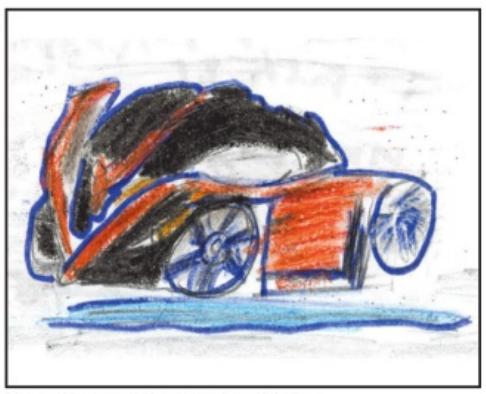
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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
5 two digit primes: 11, 13, 23, 31, 41
11+13+23+31+41+11+31+32+13+14 = 220

RIDDLER
Section A: John: Lost to everyone. Jill: Beat John, Lost to Mary and Greg. Mary: Beat John, and Jill. Lost to Greg. Greg: Beat everyone.
Section B: Betty: Beat Tina. Lost to Chris. Tina: Beat Chris. Lost to Betty. Chris: Beat Betty. Lost to Tina.

FAST FIVE

K	A	S	H	A
A	G	U	A	S
B	O	R	S	H
O	R	A	T	E
B	A	L	E	D

STRIKE OUT

O	X	T	A	I	L	A	B	U	S	E	R			
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QUICK

D	A	N	I	S	H		M	O	D	E	R	N		
E		E		E	C	E		D		N		A		
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ALPHA TRIANGLE
V, VO, NOV, Oven, OVine, Envois, Version.

LOOP

GO FIGURE
Easy
2 x 3 + 5 + 9 = 20
Medium
4 / 2 x 2 x 8 = 32
Hard
2 x 7 + 2 + 7 = 23

SUDOKU

6	3	4	7	5	1	8	2	9
7	5	9	8	6	2	3	4	1
8	2	1	3	4	9	7	6	5
2	9	8	1	7	6	4	5	3
4	1	6	5	9	3	2	7	8
5	7	3	4	2	8	9	1	6
3	4	7	9	1	5	6	8	2
9	6	5	2	8	4	1	3	7
1	8	2	6	3	7	5	9	4

MENSA PUZZLE
27, 9, 12: the sequence progresses ÷3, +3, ×3, −3 repeated

BULL'S EYE
cane, caned, dance

QUOTE UNCODE
Laws too gentle are seldom obeyed; too severe, seldom executed.

KAKURO

7	10			16	20			
6	5	1		14	9	5		
23	8	6	8	9	16	9	4	12
5	2	3	11	7	13	6	5	
	6	8	9	16	9	4	9	12
	23	9	8	6	11	1	7	3
		2	1	7	10	9	16	9
		10	3	7	17	7	16	4
		9	4	16		3	5	1
		13	2	1	10	9	1	15
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SANDALWOOD SHOTS

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Legal drama

Hundreds of people gathered at Kamakshipalya Lake Ground to witness the launch of an audio and motion poster for the Kannada movie 'Kanoonu Asthra'. Sandalwood actress Apuruva and Kunigal BJP leader Rajesh Gowda were the chief guests at the function, where both extended their best wishes to the cast and crew of the Kannada movie 'Kanoonu Asthra.'

According to director Nagaraj M G Gowda, post-production work on the movie is in progress, and it is scheduled for release in November. He previously directed the Kannada movie 'December 24,' which was released last February.

The movie is produced by Puttegowda N under the Puttegowda N Productions banner. Puttegowda, in addition to writing the script and dialogues, also plays a significant role in the movie.

Madikeri unveiled

A Bangaru, known for his work in the Kannada movie 'Kalgejje,' is all set to direct the Kannada film 'Madikeri.' Bangaru previously served as an associate director under the guidance of veteran director S Mahendar. 'Kalgejje,' released in February 2011, received two State Awards for Best Lyric and Best Sound Recording for the year 2010-11.

A launch event was organised to unveil the title of the movie 'Madikeri.' Director S Mahendar graced the occasion as the chief guest. 'Madikeri' is produced by Ravi Shyamanur and Shiva Prakash under the banners of Paramahasta Productions and Sri Balaji Cini Combines. A. Bangaru not only directed the movie but also wrote the script, lyrics, screenplay, and dialogues.

During the event, Mahendar expressed concern about the scarcity of high-quality movies in the Sandalwood industry. "I happened to watch Kalgejje directed by my disciple Bangaru in 2011. I felt very happy while watching that movie. It was a wonderful movie. Bangaru is dearer to me among my disciples. The title of Madikeri is attractive. I hope the movie Madikeri will be an issue-based movie. I wish all the best to Bangaru and his team," he said.

FAMILY BOND

Saba Azad joins boyfriend Hrithik Roshan's family to celebrate Rakesh Roshan's birthday

Hrithik Roshan and Saba Azad are currently one of the most steady couples in Bollywood. The two have been dating for a couple of years, and apart from taking exotic holidays together, the duo are also close to each other's families and are often seen at gatherings and other family occasions.

Recently, Hrithik's father Rakesh Roshan turned 74 on September 6. To mark the occasion, his entire family came together, including grandsons Hrehaan-Hridhaan, wife Pinkie, niece Pashmina and brother Rajesh Roshan. The filmmaker gave a glimpse of his birthday celebration, where he is sitting in the middle, all set to cut his birthday cake, as his family surrounds him. Though Hrithik was not seen in the pic, Saba was seen grinning from ear to ear as she posed with the family. Sharing the same, Rakesh wrote, "Thank you family for the countless memories we have made together."

A few days back, Hrithik Roshan and Saba Azad stepped out to spend some quality time together. The actor's sons Hrehaan and Hridhaan also accompanied them for the dinner. Hrithik was seen holding Saba's hand as they made their way through a sea of crowd. While Hrithik went out in a grey T-shirt and beige pants, Saba opted for a cool blue bodycon dress for the occasion. Hrehaan and Hridhaan kept it casual.

Rumours about Hrithik and Saba's relationship started swirling after they were spotted on a dinner date in February last year. Later, she also joined Hrithik's family for a get-together.

All speculations on their relationship were set at rest after the two walked hand-in-hand at actor Karan Johar's 50th birthday bash last May. —ETimes

King Khan is back!

In a spectacular display of fandom and adoration, Shahrukh Khan's latest film, "Jawaan," unleashed a frenzy of excitement and passion among the SRK Universe fan club in Bengaluru. The fan club that booked the Urvashi Theatre for its first show became an unforgettable event that left everyone awestruck.

From the crack of dawn on a Thursday, SRK fans began to gather at the Urvashi Theatre, their enthusiasm palpable. The SRK Universe fan club had reserved the entire 900-seat theatre for the first show at 7 am, and the preparations were nothing short of extraordinary.

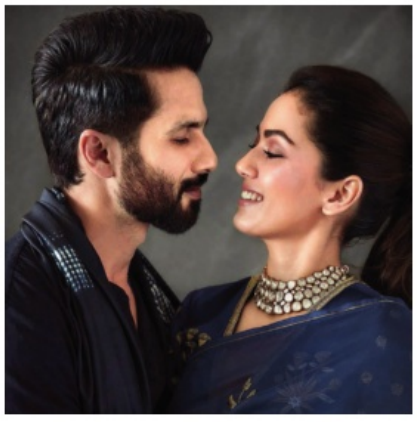
The fans sported "Jawaan" T-shirts, wristbands, and the iconic lion head ring, which Shahrukh is seen wearing in the movie. Large cutouts of the Bollywood superstar and colourful garlands adorned the theatre entrance, setting the stage for a celebration of epic proportions.

As the clock neared 6 am, the atmosphere outside the theatre reached a fever pitch. Bursting crackers, impromptu dance-offs to SRK's hit songs, and an exuberant flash mob got the party started. A dedicated "I Love SRK" photo booth attracted fans eager to capture memories of this unforgettable day.

One week before the movie's release, the SRK Universe fan club had organized a bike rally, brandishing "Jawaan" banners and posters, effectively spreading the "Jawaan" fever among the city's residents.

When the film finally graced the silver screen, the fervour inside the theatre was electric. Chants of "SRK, SRK" echoed through the halls as fans couldn't contain their excitement. — Iffath Fathima

Love note



Thursday, Shahid Kapoor took to his IG handle to wish his wife Miraa a Happy Birthday, as she turns a year older. In the pics, the two are dressed in ethnic wear as Mira dons a blue saree and Shahid wears a black kurta. Evidently, still heads over heels in love with his wife, Shahid could not stop kissing her as he wrote, "Mira the queen of my heart. Happy birthday to you and oh so lucky me to have you all for me always and forever."

As soon as he shared the pics, fans went gaga over the couple. Calling them arranged marriage goals, one user wrote, "If arranged marriage can be like this then y not" while another fan wrote, "Aao guyz mill kar jealous feel karteh".

Shahid and Mira are blessed with two kids and last month, on August 26, their firstborn, Misha turned seven years old and the doting parents organized a jungle theme party for their daughter.

The inside pictures from the birthday bash have now been shared by the organisers. The photographs show a Lion Guard-themed party. The inside area had animal-shaped standees, the whole decore was jungle-based.

Mira also penned a sweet note for her daughter,"My darling baby, you've turned a heavenly Seven! Gliding and smiling, climbing and shining, nothing compares to your sunshine Time flies, and may you continue to soar baby girl! Happy Birthday my Misha."

— ETimes

Viral moments

The global icon Priyanka Chopra graced the red carpet at a Victoria's Secret hosted its iconic fashion show held at The Manhattan Center in New York on Wednesday. For the event, the 'Love Again' actress chose a shimmery black sheer dress. She styled her hair in lustrous waves and went full glam with the makeup.

A fan page on Instagram shared Priyanka's latest pictures from the event and fans showered the actress with love.

Commenting on it, a fan wrote, "Stunning (fire emojis). One more said about her look, "Bombshell (fire emojis)." A comment also read, "Oh God, how gorgeous!!!"

The show was graced by many supermodels, including Gigi Hadid. Pictures of the actor posing on the red carpet as well as mingling with fans at the event have gone viral on social media.

Speaking of Priyanka's work projects, she was last seen in 'Citadel', which was created by The Russo Brothers. —ETimes